the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.

Agricultural Loans to Farmers

2901. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for sanctioning agricultural loans to the farmers during the last two years;

(b) whether the target has been fulfilled; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The targets fixed for sanctioning agricultural loans to the farmers for agriculture and allied activities during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 were Rs. 40,569 crores and Rs. 47,060 crores respectively.

(b) The disbursement of credit by Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Commercial Banks for agriculture and allied activities during the last two years, i.e. 1998-99 and 1999-2000 were Rs. 36,708 crores and Rs. 44,612 crores which constitutes 91% and 95% of the targets respectively.

(c) The main reasons for not achieving the targets were the weak cooperative credit structure in some of the States, low level of recoveries and inadequate infrastructural facilities resulting in less credit absorption capacity.

Agricultural Productivity

†2902. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per hectare productivity of agriculture

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

is too low;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in case of rice, pulses and mustard it is just two tonne, five tonne and six tonne per hectare respectively; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government for promoting the seeds developed by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre for raising the rate of productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The productivity (production per hectare) of major crops over the years is given as under:

(Kg/hectare)

Crop	Year			
	1970-71	1980-81	1990-91	1999-2000
Rice	1123	1336	1740	1990
Wheat	1307	1630	2281	2755
Total pulses	524	473	578	630
Foodgrains	872	1023	1380	1697
Rapeseed & mustard	594	560	904	982
Nine oilseeds	579	532	771	856

It is seen from the above table that productivity in case of rice, wheat and foodgrains has increased substantially during last three decades. However, the magnitude of increase in productivity of rapeseed and mustard, pulses as also of nine oilseeds during last three decades is not as pronounced as it is in case of rice, wheat and foodgrains.

(c) The quantity of breeder seed produced during 1999-2000 in respect of varieties developed by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is given below crop-wise and variety-wise:—

Crop	Name of the Variety	Quantity of Breeder seed Produced (Quintals)
Groundnut	TAG - 24	310.00
	TG - 26	148.30
	TKG - 19A	11.80
	TG - 3	20.00
Mungbean	TARM - 1	0.58
Urdbean	TU 94-2	1.48
	TAU - 1	54.40
	TPU - 4	10.25

Varieties developed by BARC have also been included in Oilseeds and Pulses Production Programme.

DMS Depots in Delhi/New Delhi

2903. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy for opening of depots under the Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) what are the areas where such depots are not provided in Delhi/New Delhi;

(c) what are the areas where such depots are functioning even at a distance of one or two kilometers; and

(d) whether Government propose to open some more depots in Delhi, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The criteria